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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080

Takanori OKADA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 5463

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For: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR RECORDING MEDIUM WITH

SWITCH REGION

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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination and the following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on November 9, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 9, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.